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SUBJECT: ORGHIDAN COLLECTION - TUDOR CLAIM

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1. EDWARD L. MERRIGAN, ONE OF TUDOR'S ATTORNEYS, CALLED DEPARTMENT APRIL 5 TO ADVISE THAT IN VIEW OF CONTINUING FAILURE OF GOR TO RESPOND TO USG REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION OF ROMANIAN POSITION, HE IS CONSIDERING REQUESTING SENATOR RUSSELL LONG TO INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT TO THE TRADE ACT WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE THE GRANTING OF MFN TO ANY NATION WHICH FAILS TO HONOR A CONSULAR CONVENTION WITH THE U.S. MERRIGAN WAS INFORMED THAT WE HAVE HAD NO REPLY TO OUR NOTE OF DECEMBER 6.

2. FYI. MERIGAN'S ASSOCIATION AND INFLUENCE WITH LONG IS WELL DOCUMENTED IN THE CASE OF THE LONG-GRAVEL AMENDMENT
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TO THE TRADE ACT (SECTION 408), WHICH ABORTED THE AD REFERENDUM CLAIMS AGREEMENT WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND REQUIRED THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO RENEGOTIATE THE SETTLEMENT (TO SEEK BETTER TERMS FOR THE CLAIMANTS) AND TO SUBMIT IT TO THE CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO ANY GRANT OF MFN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

3. AMBASSADOR AGGREY PLANS TO RAISE THIS MATTER INFORMALLY WITH NICOLAE ON APRIL 7, WHEN THEY LUNCH TOGETHER, AND TO STRESS THE POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES OF CONTINUED ROMANIAN INACTION. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO FOLLOW UP IN BUCHAREST AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND REMIND GOR THAT CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR WAIVER EXTENSION COULD BE SERIOUSLY ERODED IF KEY SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN BECOME CONCERNED ABOUT ROMANIAN FAILURE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO REPEATED AMERICAN REQUESTS IN THIS CASE. VANCE

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